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**John Perratt, Sr.
of
Barbados
1654 - 1729**

ANCESTOR OF THE STEGER AND
ONE BRANCH OF THE MAYO FAMILIES OF
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FOREWORD

John Perratt Sr., born Somerset County, England, 1654, died Barbados 1729, was the father of Ann Perratt Mayo and grandfather of Ann Perratt Steger, both of Goochland County, Virginia and through them, the ancestor of almost countless Americans.

This is a condensed account of his English ancestral families and his connection with his Virginia descendants, compiled in the language of those not familiar with the shorthand terminology of professional genealogists and in narrative form; as much so as such works permit.

Search for the records of these families continues, and my purpose is to record what has been developed so far, as an aid to others who, I hope, will take up where I leave off.

Records of the descendants of the Mayo and Steger families of Goochland have been extensively developed, too voluminous to be recorded in this account, which is the reason for the blank "Appendix" pages herein, providing each branch with space to carry out its line.

IN BRIEF

As a point of reference, the following is a list of the known ancestors of the two Ann Perratts, by families and in order of descent:

HALES

The Hales were of Hemington, a parish in Northeast Somerset County, near the line of Wiltshire, England.

Richard Hales, born early 1400, married a Miss Beauchamp.

John Hales, of High Church, Hemington, married Joan, daughter of Thomas Burnham.

Edward Hales married Anne Grenfield.

John Hales married Bridget Gouldeborow (Goldsbury), daughter of Robert of Wiltshire County.

Mervyn Hales, High Church, married 1st, Alice, daughter of Richard Thomas of Bishop's Noell, Wiltshire. He married 2nd, Mary Marchant, daughter of Robert of Hemington. (Mary was the ancestress of the Ann Perratts.)

Mervin Hales Jr., born Hemington, 1636, moved to Barbados. Married twice-1st _____ (name unknown), 2nd Bridgett _____. The 1st wife was the ancestress of the Ann Perratts.

Ann Hales, born 1665-6, married John Perratt Sr., prior to 1688. She died 1729.

MARCHANT

Robert Marchant of Hemington, married Joan Tucker, 1601.

Mary Marchant, born 1608, married Mervyn Hales Sr., 1633.

Mother of Mervin Hales Jr..

PERRATT

The Perratts came from Martock, a parish in South-central Somerset.

James Perratt (Perrett) married Jane Harvey 1643.

John Perratt Sr., born Loade, Martock, 1654, went to Barbados. Married Ann Hales. Died 1729. The father of Ann (Perratt) Mayo.

John Perratt Jr. Believed to have married Elizabeth Hales, London, 1718. Went back to Barbados. Died 1747. Father of Ann (Perratt) Steger.

Ann Perratt married Francis George Steger, Barbados 1737. Died in Cumberland County, Virginia about 1748-9.

PERRATT

Perratt is one of the many spellings of this name, often interchangeably, the most common being: Parrat(t) Parret(t) Parrot(t) Perrat(t) Perret(t) and Perrot(t) and with other variations.

John Perratt Sr., was born in Somerset County, England, son of James and Jane (Harvey) "Perrett". Records of his family are found in Long Sutton and Martock parishes, the family living in Loade, a section in northern Martock. In Barbados their records are mostly in the Barbados Department of Archives.

Contrary to a common belief, John Perratt Sr. had no descendants of his surname in Virginia; only those through Ann (Perratt) Mayo and Ann (Perratt) Steger. Also, despite a report in a number of publications and the assertion of a highly reputable historian of Barbados, John was not the son of the noted Sir John Perrott, the reputed son of Henry VIII and Mary Berkley, who later married Thomas Perrott and thus endowed her son with the name and arms of the Perrotts. John Perratt Sr. was born in 1654 and Sir John died in the Tower, 1592.

James Perrett married in Long Sutton, the adjoining parish North of Martock:

"12 June 1643 James Perrett & Jane Harvey."

There are four known records of James' and Jane's children:

"8 Dec. 1654 John, son of James Perrett of Loade, at Loade"

"bn Sep 1656 ----- ye son of James Perrott of Loade"

James and Jane are known to have had two daughters, Jane and Sarah Perratt, named in John Perratt Sr.'s Barbados will of 1728 as his sisters living in Somerset. The probabilities are that there were other children.

There is a hiatus in the history of John Perratt Sr. from the time of his birth until a will-record of 1688 Barbados which shows he was then married to Ann Hales. If he was related to the Perratts or others of that sound-name who were in Barbados prior to his arrival, the kinship is unknown.

John was the "Stewart and Bayliff" of Sir Henry Bendyshe of Steeple Bumpstead Parish, Essex and managed Sir Henry's "Byde Mill House Plantation", an important sugar producing, processing and shipping plantation, lying in St. George, St. John and St. Philip parishes. (The "Old Mill" at the present "Byde Mill" house in Barbados still stands- a picture of it in February 1974 issue of "the BAJAN", a magazine published in Barbados.)

Sir Henry left Byde Mill to his nephew, Henry Roberts of Red Lyon Street, St. Andrew's Holborn, Middlesex and John

Perratt Sr. continued to manage it until his death or shortly before.

John and Ann (Hales) had seven children: John Jr., Richard, Elizabeth, Helena, Ann, Thomas and William. Only the last named three appear in the listing of their father in the 1715 census of Barbados, St. George Parish:

1715 Census of Barbados - St. George Parish:

"John	Parrott	59 years
Ann	Parrott	50
Ann	Parrott	15
Thomas	Parrott	13
William	Parrott	7"

Evidently Thomas and William predeceased their father, not being named in his will.

Ann, John's wife, died March 1729 and John three months later. Their tomb, a raised vault, St. Philip, still in good condition, bears his coat-of arms and this epitaph:

"Here lies ye body of Mr John Perratt who departed this life June ye 7th 1729 age 74. Here also lies ye body of Mrs Ann Perratt wife of ye aforesaid who departed this life March ye 16th 1728/29 age 63 or thereabouts."

John Parratt Sr.'s will, dated St. John 13 Feb. 1727/28, was proved 10 June 1729. It names "wife" and the following heirs-not in the order here listed:

"My sister Jane Perratt in the County of Somersett (sic)
in Great Brittain (sic) ---"

"My sister Sarah Perratt in ye same county ---"

"Ann Perratt daughter of Richard and wife Sarah ---"

"Sarah Perratt daughter of Richard Perratt and wife Sarah---"

(This Richard Perratt was not the son of John- possibly
a brother- being he who was listed in the 1715 census as
"39 3/4" years old.)

"My daughter, Elizabeth wife of John Manning"

The 1715 census shows Elizabeth as then 25: Marriage li-
cense was issued, Barbados, to John Manning and Elizabeth
Perrott (sic), 4 March 1714/15. John Perratt made bequests
to his Manning grandchildren: John, Mervin, Edward, Christo-
pher and Jane. Evidently Elizabeth named son Mervin for her
grandfather, Mervin Hales Jr. and daughter Jane for her
grandmother Jane (Harvey) Perratt or Aunt Jane of Somerset.

"My daughter Helena Cave" (named for her Aunt Helena
Hales). Marriage license, Barbados, 10 Feb. 1708/9
to Nathaniel Cave and Helena Perrott (sic). John made
bequest to Helena's daughter Martha, who married John
Devonish, 3 July 1728, he being closely associated with
the children of John Perratt Sr.

"My grandson Richard Perratt son of Richard".

This Richard is believed to have been Richard Perratt
who was buried St. Philip, 21-12 (Feb) 1745/6.

"My daughter Ann Perratt."

Ann was then 28 being baptised St. Philip 31 May 1701. Evidently her father was extra fond of her or thought she would remain a spinster, as he left her more than any other child - in fact a substantial estate. Among his bequests to her were household-goods, including a "Garlick-Pear-Tree-bead-stead."

Ann was living with her brother John Perratt Jr. in Barbados 27 August 1731 when William Mayo, widower of Goochland, wrote John a long letter concerning proposal of marriage with Ann.

This letter tells a great deal about John Perratt Jr.'s holdings in Goochland and of his visits there. (Va. Mag. Hist. & Bio. Vol.32 pgs 55-57). Ann accepted William and they were married and had children. Her death was recorded by Rev. William Douglas- "Nov.28,1773 Madam Mayo died" (Douglas Register pg 341).

"My son Richard Perratt"

"My son John Perratt"

There are no known records of John Perratt Jr. and his brother in Barbados until they were nearly middle-aged. It seems that John Sr. sent these sons to England to be educated, where they spent a number of years, married and where John's daughter, Ann and Richard's son, Richard Jr. were born. John Jr. is known to have been in England before 1717 and in 1722,

"Mr John Perratt of London" was a subscriber to Mayo's Map

of Barbados. Richard Perratt was also a subscriber but his residence was not stated on the subscription list. (Genealogist Magazine (Eng.) Vol.17 pg.497 Mar.1974).

It appears that the brothers made trips to Barbados and were acquainted with William Mayo, their later brother-in-law, who, incidentally, was baptised in Wiltshire County but his people came from Somerset.

The wording of John Perratt Sr.'s will indicated that his son, Richard was a widower at the time, 1728, and living in Barbados. John Sr. left his Bridgetown home to Richard who married (2) Mary Moore, St. Michael, 23 Sept. 1737 and had a daughter, Sarah, born 4 Nov. 1740. As in a number of Barbados records, there is an error in the recording of Sarah's birth, the record stating that the mother's name was Sarah. Richard was buried St. Michael 21 Dec. 1750. His will dated 18 Nov. 1750 named "Wife Mary", "daughter Sarah" and "friend John Devonish." John Perratt Jr.'s 1746 will named "my niece Sarah Perratt."

The first known record of John Perratt Jr. is in the will of Sir Henry Bendyshe of 1717, in which he gave 100 pounds to "John son of John Parrott my Stewart and Bayliff of my plantations in the Island of Barbados." (Prerogative Court of Canterbury Whitfield 183). John Perratt was on close terms with the family of Henry Roberts of Red Lyon Street, St. Andrew's Holborn, Middlesex, who had inherited Byde Mill

Plantation from his uncle Bendyshe and left it to his son, Henry Roberts Jr.. Henry Sr. died in 1718 and later his widow Susannah (Ridley) Roberts lived in Ash, Kent, where Henry Sr. is buried. Her will, Ash next Sandwich, Kent, 30 Nov. 1728 gave to "My God-daught. Ann Parrott daughter of Mr John Parrott the Younger of Barbados, my gold watch and chain." (PCC - Isham 78).

Inferential but persuasive evidence indicates - "suggests" may be a better word - that John Perratt Jr. married Elizabeth Hales, possibly a cousin. The "Marriage Allegation" (License) record of this couple in Guildhall, London, MS 10091-folio 246A, dated 21 Aug. 1718, states that John Perratt of St Dunstan, Stepney Parish, Middlesex, 24 and Elizabeth Hales, spinster, 17, requested license to marry at St Dunstan. Consent to the marriage was signed by Elizabeth's mother, Dorothy Hales "widow." The register of St Dunstan records the marriage: "7 Sept. 1718 John Perratt of Wap. (Wapping) grocer and Elizabeth Hales." (A "grocer" of those days was one who dealt in dried fruits, spices and sugar and sold by the gross - hence the term "Grosser." This suggests that John imported sugar through his father in Barbados.)

Elizabeth was the daughter of Thomas and Dorothy (Hilliard) Hales, baptised at St Dunstan:

"7 Oct. 1699 Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Hailes

of Greenbank and Dorothy uxor."

Elizabeth's father was baptised at Bermondsey located on the opposite bank of the Thames:

"4 Mar. 1665 (-6) Thomas the sonne of Thomas Hayle"

Elizabeth's mother was born St Dunstan:

"Dorothie daughter of John Hilliard of Wapping Shipwright and Dorothy ux." -- 18 Dec. 1671

The marriage record of John Perratt and Elizaberth Hales is the only one located in London that has the appearance of the marriage of John Perratt Jr.; the age of the John who married Elizabeth Hales fits that of John Jr. and it is significant that John's daughter, Ann (Perratt) Steger named a son Thomas Hales and a daughter, Elizabeth.

The birth record of John Perratt Jr.'s daughter, Ann has not been found, nor the death record of her mother. There are no such records in Barbados and it seems both events occurred in England. The will of Susannah Roberts shows John Jr. in Barbados shortly before the death of his father, in 1728, which suggests that he was persuaded by the Roberts to go to Barbados and manage Hyde Mill and further inducement was that his sister Ann would care for his infant daughter.

John Jr. managed Hyde Mill after the death of his father, as shown by his will and by a set of documents, lengthy and

involved, recorded in Barbados, 9 June 1746. In brief, these papers record that Byde Mill had descended to Sir Stephen Anderson of Bedfordshire and was then being transferred to Thomas Gooftrey. In these documents is a power-of-attorney to "Mr John Perratt, Esq. agent" authorizing him to file them in Barbados. (Barbados Dept. of Archives, Vol.35 - folio 482)

John Perratt Jr., described in certain Virginia deeds as "of Barbados, Merchant," was a man of considerable wealth, lived "bravely" and engaged in a number of enterprises, including the ownership and operation of a plantation in Goochland County, Virginia called "Parrett's Nest", well stocked, having a number of slaves and operated by an overseer. His brother-in-law, William Mayo, represented him in Goochland, arranging for John's further purchase of land and slaves.

On 28 June 1737, marriage license was issued in Barbados to Francis Stegar (sic) and Ann Parrott (sic). (Later records in Virginia show that Francis' full name was Francis George Steger.)

In every generation and all branches of the Steger family of Virginia, there has persisted a tradition concerning the marriage of Francis and Ann, varying in details but all agreeing: A "Young German names Steger" lived in London

where he met and courted Ann, the daughter of John Perratt (Parrott), a wealthy merchant, who opposed the match. The couple eloped and settled in Goochland. Ann and her father were estranged for sometime but reconciled and he left her large land holdings and a number of slaves in Virginia. Aside from the locale of the elopement and, possibly, where Ann and Francis met, the tradition seems well founded.

"John Perratt Junr. was buried on 6th May 1747, St Philip parish." (Bur. Reg. Dept. of Archives.)

John Perratt Jr.'s holographic will, dated 23 Aug. 1746, Barbados, was proved 21 May 1747. Its wording and construction shows him to have been well educated and its tone and provisions that he still harbored feelings against his son-in-law. He gave "My Lov. Kinsman, John Devonish" "my gold ring set with one emerald and four diamond stones" and requested Devonish to sell "my four wheel chaise, all the negroes I have in Barbados, all my plate and other furnishings" and "collect money that may be due me from the estate over which I am overseer" (Byde Mill) and forward the proceeds to "my daughter Ann Stegar (sic) in the County of Goochland in Virginia". John Jr. made minor bequests to his nephew Mervin Manning, niece Sarah Perratt and niece Rebecca Mayo of Goochland and gave the rest of his estate to his daughter Ann, for life and on her death to her children. His estate in Goochland consisted of over 4000

acres and a number of slaves. John left Francis nothing, not mentioning him by name or reference, and made Ann the sole executor.

It seems that John was set on Francis having no say or control of the estate and his efforts to this end were more effective than he could have foreseen. If the shades of the departed have interest in such things, his must have found satisfaction in the provisions of his will resulting in his grandchildren suing their father, Francis and forcing him to turn over twenty five slaves to them which he had "retained" and who belonged to the children of Ann through John's will.

Ann Perratt died about 1748-49 leaving four sons and two daughters.

HALES

The College of Arms, charged with tracing, confirming and recording the arms and pedigrees of the English gentry, was chartered 1484. Its officials bear the title of "King of Arms", "Herald" and "Pursivant", each with separate jurisdictions. Compiling and confirming these arms and pedigrees were done by the official or his deputy "visiting" the areas and there proving the records. The authenticated results were then recorded in the "Rolls" and known as "Visitations."

The first "Visitation" of the Hales of Hemington Parish, Somerset, by the Herald of Somerset, was in 1591. The family arms were confirmed as: "Arms Sable, a chevron between three lions rampant argent." In the 1623 Visitation Mervyn Hales "entered" his pedigree, that is, extended the line from that established in 1591 to 1623, covering five generations. Record of this pedigree is in The Visitations of the County of Somerset - In the year 1623 - Frederic Thomas Colby, London, 1876. The pedigree runs thus:

Richard Hales - Beauchamp

John Hales, High Church, Somerset - Joan dau.
of Thomas Burnham.

Edward Hales - Ann dau. of Grenfield

John Hales - Bridgett dau. of Rob; Gouldeborow
(Goldsbury), Wiltshire Co.

Mervyn Hales, High Church - Alice d. of Rich: Thomas of
Bishop's Noell, Wiltshire Co.

Mervyn Hales' given and sur-name were variously spelled in
the records - here recorded as in the original Hemington
baptism:

"10 Sep 1581 Marun Hales the sonne of John Hales."

Mervyn's home, "The Hall", was in Folkland, Hemington Parish,
where he lived until sometime after 1644 when he was in
Trowbridge, Wiltshire, where he died in 1655. His children
by Alice Thomas, recorded in the Visitation of 1623 were: Ann 12,
John 10, Melior 7, Francis 6, and Bridget 5. A son,
Goldsbury, died before 1623.

The baptisms of Mervyn and Alice's children in Hemington,
of whom there are records, were:

"24 June 1619 Brigitta Hales filia Marvini Hales de
Folkland"

"8 Feb 1620 (-1) goldsbury Hales filius marvini hales
generosi"

"12 Feb 1626 (-7) Maria filia Marvini Hales"

"9 (bur 20) May 1629 Marvin Hales the sonne of Marvin
Hales"

Alice (Thomas) Hales died between May 1629 and March 1633
when Mervyn married (2) Mary Marchant, Hemington- Mervyn
was then 51 and Mary 25. Their Marriage Allegation is in

Somerset County Record Office. Vol. L. pg.164: in Latin:

"18 Mar 1632/3 Licence between Mervin Hales of the parish of Hemington, gentleman and Mary Marchant of the same, spinster, in the church of St Cuthbert at Wells."

(Wells the county seat of Somerset.)

Bond and consent were given by Mary's father, Robert Marchant, "farmer", of Hemington. Co-Surety on the bond was John Addams (sic) of Wells.

The baptism records of Mervyn and Mary's children in Hemington were:

"17 Feb.1633/4 Daniel Hales the son of Mr Harven Hales"

"26 Apr 1636 Marvin Halles ye sonne of Mr Marven Halles and Mary his wife."

"12 Feb 1640/1 Anthony Halls ye sonne of Maurin and Mary Halls."

"3 Mar 1642/3 Robert Halls sonne of Marvin Halls by Mary his wife."

"8 Dec 1644 Avis Halls daughter of Maruin Halls by his wife Mary."

Mervyn Hales' will was dated 6 July 1655, Trowbridge Parish, Wiltshire County and proved by Mervin Hales Jr. son and executor, 13 Nov 1655, in Prerogative Court of Canterbury, London. (PCC 1655 fo.455 Prob 11 251). Mervyn referred to

"my house in Folkland by the name of the Hall," and requested to "bee buried in the north side of the Parrish Church of Hemington." He names sons Mervin and Robert as executors and Robert Merchant (sic) of Hemington and Edward (?) Thomas of High Church as Overseers, "wife Mary" and the following children: "My sonn John Hales, My sonne Francis Hales, My daughter Mellior Slade, My daughter Bridgett Jukes, My daughter Mary Provis, My daughter Arusa (Avis) Hales, My sonne Anthony Hales, My sonne Daniell Hales." Will witnessed by Mellior Merchant (sic) and Joyse Thomas.

In the Great Card Index, Society of Genealogists, London, is a card referring to Smith MSS Vol.4 pg.5,

"Marvin Hales M^t. Barbados."

Unfortunately, Vol.4 of Smith MSS has long been lost. This index card seems to have referred to either a marriage or to emigration to Barbados.

Mervin Hales Jr. lived in St. Michael Parish, Barbados, where the baptism records have the following:

"9-2(Apr) 1667 Hellin (Helena) Da. Mr Marvin Hales Junr."

"1-10(Dec) 1670 Marvin ye son of Mr Marvin Hales Junr."

"2-8(Oct) 1673 Richard Hales"

"3-10(Dec) 1677 Jeremiah ye son of Mr Marven Hayles
and Bridgette his wife."

Mervin Hales' will, St Michael, 2 Jan 1685/6 was proved 30 April 1686. In the body of the will his name was spelled "Marvin" but he signed it "Mervin Hales." He named only wife Bridgett, as an heir, and his "good friends" Richard Fouvestall Esq., Capt. John Bayley and Mr Richard Spry. (B D A Vol.40 folio 180)

Mervin Hales Jr. married twice, but when, where and to whom, the first time, is unknown. This first wife was the mother of Ann, Helena, Marvin, and Richard. His second wife was Bridgette _____. Her will, St Michael, 12 April 1688 was proved 10 May 1688. She named her step-children, "My son-in-law Richard Hales" and "my two daughters-in-law Helena Hales and Ann Parrett formerly called Ann Hales." She also named "son" Jeremiah; gave Helena "his (sic) mother's wedding ring" and stated that step-son Richard was then indentured to Charles Jues. (B D A Vol.42 folio 37)

"Ann Parrett formerly called Ann Hales", was the wife of John Perratt Sr., mother of Ann (Perratt) Mayo and grandmother of Ann (Perratt) Steger. Ann died Mar.16,1739 and is buried with her husband in St Philip.

STEGER

There is no known record of Francis George Steger prior to his marriage to Ann Perratt, 1737. If the search for his birth record in Germany is successful, there will still remain two questions which probably will never be answered: When and where did he meet Ann? Where were the two during the five years between their marriage and when they first appear in the records of Goochland, 1741 ?

The only known record of a Steger in London prior to 1733 is of John Steger, his wife Elizabeth and two children. This wife was no doubt John's second, and their two children John and Sophia born 1705 and 1706 died young.

"John Steger, London, citizen and clock maker (son of) Paul Steger born in Saxony m. Elizabeth Reynolds, London, Devonshire House 20 April 1704" (Boyd's Index)

"John Steger died 30 Jan.1736/7 aged 77, Christ Church, Middlesex and was buried 2 Feb.1736/7".

Elizabeth Reynolds was a Quaker and the records of the Society of Friends of London, show that she and John Steger appeared before the "Two Week Meeting", preliminary to their marriage,

the minutes of which describe him as the son of Peter (sic) Steger, deceased, and born in Borna, Saxony and coming from Danzig.

The next record of a Steger in London was:

"Hans Heinrich Steger, Quaker, batchelor, 31, of St John Wapping, Middlesex, married Tralucia Ginn, of St John's Zachary, spinster 24, St Bennett, Paul's Warf, 2 April 1733."

It is speculated that Francis George and Hans H. were the sons of John Steger by his first wife. Hans H. was referred to as a "sugar baker" in the birth records of some of his children, which led some to say he was a baker. He was a "Sugar Refiner" with a plant on Bankside, Surrey, who removed to Amelia County, Virginia in 1754 and lived near Francis George, his will probated Amelia, 27 Nov. 1761 (WB 2X-10 and DB 7-585-586). Of his six known children, only two survived infancy - daughter Tralucia and son Hans William. Hans William lived in Petersburg, Va. where his will was probated 1791. He had only two children, named in his will, both daughters.

The only record of a Steger in Barbados was the marriage record of Francis and Ann Perratt, 1737. The next record of him is when he bought 200 acres on the South side of the James River, on Deep Creek, adjoining the land of "John Parot",

30 Nov.1741. (Goochland Deed Book 3 pg.518). In this deed Francis is referred to as of St James Parish, Goochland, but there is no indication how long he had lived there.

There are a number of records in Goochland and Cumberland counties of Francis buying and selling real estate, but only two of genealogical significance. On 18 June 1746 Francis sold a tract of land to Folliot Power, the deed bearing the relinquishment of dower of Ann Steger, the only known record of her in Virginia. (Goochland Deed Book 5 pg.160). On 10 Jan. 1748, Francis bought 400 acres on Deep Creek, where he had his home and referred to in his will as the "Robert's Tract". (D.B.5 pg 507). This was the only land Francis owned at his death and possibly he and Ann are buried on the farm. This place lay in Cumberland County when Francis died, 1769, but later became a part of Powhatan County, being near the village of Treholm.

Ann died about 1748 or 1749 having four sons and two daughters, the oldest around ten years old. Francis George married (2) Anna Barbara, widow of Dr Samuel Tschiffley, a Swiss physician of Richmond, in 1750, by whom he had a son and a daughter. He married (3) Ann Janet, widow of John Stevenson who died in Cumberland in 1763, by whom Francis had no children.

Obviously Anna Barbara was well regarded by her step-children and as long as she was alive these children made no effort to take over twenty five slaves belonging to them through their grandfather Perratt's will. Things seem to have been different when Anna Barbara died and on 30 Sept. 1767 the children of Ann Perratt sued their father for these slaves, whom he had "retained". The court ordered the slaves turned over to the children, failing to do so, Francis to pay them 2500 pounds.

(Cumberland Order Book 1767 pg. 49)

Francis' will 24 Jan. 1769 was probated 24 Jan. 1769. He left all his land, the "Robert's Tract", to son Samuel: six slaves to Samuel and daughter Keturah King Marianna Steger, children of Anna Barbara, and one slave to Ann Janet, but only for life, and on her death to Samuel and Keturah.

(Cumberland Will Book 1 pg.49).

The provisions of Francis' will seemed agreeable to his children by Ann Perratt, each of whom had inherited more through their grandfather than Francis' entire estate, but not so with Ann Janet, who renounced the will and recovered her one third dower. (Cumberland Order Books 7 and 8)

Francis George and Ann Perratt's children were:

John Perratt Steger, who married Sarah, daughter of Benjamin and Ann (Eppes) Harris of Cumberland and had twelve children. John P. lived in Powhatan, one section of his land being a part of "Parrett's Nest". In 1809, then a widower, he appears to have gone to Madison County, Alabama with his son, John Steger Jr.. A monograph in the Virginia State Library by Pauline M. and Kathleen P. Jones of Huntsville Alabama, "Genealogy of the Harris and Allied Families" has a full account of the family of John P. Steger Jr.'s family, including a Bible Register of John P. Steger's children and their birth dates.

Thomas Hales Steger. Name of the wife unknown. Lived in Powhatan and had seven children, named in his will, probated 19 Dec. 1798.

Hans Steger, frequently spelled Hance, was a Lt. in the Powhatan Militia, Rev. War. He married Catherine, daughter of William and Mary (Netherland) Harris of Albemarle County and had seven children. Will probated Powhatan, 15 April 1812.

Elizabeth Steger married Abslom Davenport of Powhatan and had nine children.

Martha Steger married William Epperson; apparently he of that name who was a tax-payer in Charlotte County, 1782.

Francis Steger of Powhatan. He had a large family but the name of his wife is not known.

Francis George and Anna Barbara Steger's children were:

Samuel Steger. Lived in Powhatan. Married (1) Agnes daughter of Rev. Robert and Elizabeth (Blakley) McLaurine by whom he had two sons. Married (2) Nancy (Moore ?) by whom he had eight children. His will probated Powhatan, 17 July 1823.

Keturah King Mariana Steger. Marriage bond with John Simmons, Charlotte County, 1 August 1782.

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